

polypropylene, a polystyrene, a polyurethane, a polyvinylchloride, a polyvinylpyrrolidone, a silicone elastomer, a fluoropolymer, a polyacrylate, a polyisoprene, a polytetrafluoroethylene, a rubber, a ceramic or a hydroxyapatite, the claims readable on this species being the generic claims 1, 52, 103, 162, 233, 234, 235 and 236 and the species claims 4, 55, 106, 165, 239, and 257; the type of hydrophilic polymer elected is a polymer comprising a hydrophilic chemical moiety, the claims readable on this species being the generic claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 52, 57, 58, 59, 103, 108, 109, 110, 162, 167, 168, 169, 233, 234, 235, 236, 241, 242, 243, 249, 250, 259, 260, 261, 267, and 268, and the species claims 5, 56, 107, 166, 240, 258, and 271; the type of biomolecular form elected is a guanidino moiety, the claims readable on this species being the generic claims 113, 114, 172, 173, 235, 236, 245, 247, 248, 263, 265, and 266, and the species claims 103, 162, 244, and 262; and the function of biomolecule elected is a drug, the claims readable on this species being the generic claims 113, 114, 172, 173, 235, 236, 245, 247, 248, 263, 265, and 266 and the species claims 112, 171, 246, and 264.

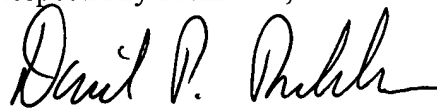
Applicants acknowledge that the Examiner has noted that claims 1, 52, 103, 162, 235 and 236 are generic. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of these restrictions and submit that the inventions as claimed can be readily evaluated in one search without placing undue burden on the Examiner.

It is to be understood that the election of species in the present response is for the sole purpose of the Examiner's initial search and examination, and that upon allowance of a generic claim, all species encompassed by that claim will then be examined. M.P.E.P. §809.02(c). Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the search be conducted pursuant to Markush practice thereby providing for the inclusion of all species included in the generic claim and all claims dependent thereon.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

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